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Use of Diesel in Telecom
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecom operators are using subsidised diesel for mobile towers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to restrict the use of diesel to power the mobile towers and to promote alternative fuel for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
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(a) Presently, as available to others, diesel in the market to telecom operators is priced based on the market driven mechanism.

(b) The quantum of diesel used by Telecom Service Providers is not monitored by the Government. In general, diesel is used in mobile towers by service providers as secondary backup i.e. DG set only when the grid power is not available and battery system is exhausted. So, the diesel consumption is need based.

(c) On the basis of TRAI recommendations, DOT issued broad directions and goals on 23/01/2012 for greening of the telecom sector by using Renewable Energy Technology (RET) solutions and energy efficient equipments. Further, electrification of non-electrified telecom towers, with a provision of electrification of one telecom tower per village, is in operation under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojna (DDUGJY) under Ministry of Power.

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